



Transparency Measure Passes State House; Attention Moves to Senate

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If municipalities can levy taxes, then taxpayers should be able to see exactly how that money is being spent. That principle is now one step closer to becoming law.

Following last week's successful [perfection vote](#) , the bill requiring cities to submit their spending records to the state cleared another hurdle by being voted out of the Missouri House this morning. The reform is now on its way to the Senate. The bill will help bring transparency to municipal spending, an aspect of government that is the focus of the [Show-Me Checkbook Project](#) .

Kudos to the leaders of the House for getting this bipartisan legislation out of the chamber! We'll keep you posted on the bill's progress as it works its way through the Senate.

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